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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/688,848  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

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2. Return postcard.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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